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In re Application of: Frank Ficker )

Examiner: Vanatta, Amy B. )

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Textile Fibers (As Amended Herein) )

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Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the 06/16/2003 Office Action for the above-described application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111(a) and 1.112, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the subject application, based on the following remarks.

**RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

A Restriction Requirement has been entered between the invention of Group I (claims 28-43), drawn to a process for providing stretching forces to fibers, and the invention of Group II (claims 44-48), drawn to an apparatus for applying stretching forces to fibers. As indicated in an April 30, 2003 telephone conversation with the Examiner, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I (claims 28-43) for prosecution in the present application. This election is made

without traverse.

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This is an Amendment in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is to be treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

Fee requirements (if any) have been calculated as shown below:

Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Additional Fee
Total Effective Claims 16	minus 21	0 X \$18 =	\$ .00
Independent Claims 1	minus 3	= 0 x \$84 =	\$ .00
If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time, add \$280.00 (per application) \$ .00			
Since Official Action set an original due date of August 21, 2003, PETITION is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month \$110; 2 months \$410; 3 months \$930; 4 months \$1450) \$ 410.00			
If Terminal Disclaimer enclosed, add Rule 20(d) Official Fee (\$110.00) \$ .00			
SUBTOTAL:			\$ 410.00
If "small entity" verified statement filed [ ] previously, [ ] herewith, enter one-half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract \$ .00			
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